



TOWN OF EXETER, RI

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**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND
TOWN OF EXETER**

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-16

**IN SUPPORT OF HOUSE BILL H-8029 RELATING TO
TAXATION – COLLECTION OF TAXES GENERALLY**

WHEREAS: House Bill 2026-H-8029 has been introduced in the General Assembly to amend RIGL 44-7-28 titled "Collection of Taxes Generally" to add the Town of Exeter to those towns specifically named to tax any person for either a mobile or manufactured home and automatically lien the mobile or manufactured home; and

WHEREAS: When the owner of a mobile home has unpaid or overdue property taxes, Rhode Island State law typically only allows a lien to be placed on the land on which the mobile home sits, not on the mobile home itself; and

WHEREAS: Many owners of mobile homes in the Town of Exeter do not own the land on which their mobile homes sit, leaving the Town with no way to secure its interest in any unpaid or overdue property taxes; and

WHEREAS: The Rhode Island General Assembly has enacted special legislation, RIGL 44-7-28, which creates an automatic tax lien on a mobile or manufactured home only in Glocester, Coventry, or Burrillville upon the date of assessment of the taxes; and

WHEREAS: The automatic tax lien created through RIGL 44-7-28 lasts twenty (20) years and is "superior to any other lien, encumbrance, or interest in the mobile or manufactured home whether by way of attachment or otherwise"; and

WHEREAS: This bill would include the Town of Exeter alongside Glocester, Coventry, and Burrillville and provide the Town an enforcement mechanism to collect unpaid or overdue property taxes owed on mobile or manufactured homes within the Town.


NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: That the Town Council of the Town of Exeter does hereby support House Bill H-8029 and the appropriate RI Senate companion.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That the Town Clerk is directed to forward a copy of this resolution to Rhode Island Governor Daniel McKee, the President of the Rhode Island State Senate, the Speaker of the Rhode Island House of Representatives, the State Senator and Representatives of the Town of Exeter, and all City and Town Councils.


Approved by vote of the Exeter Town Council on this 4TH day of May, 2026.

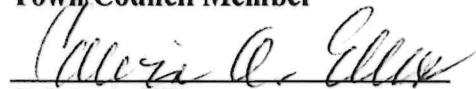


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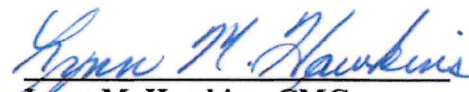

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IN WITNESS HEREOF, I hereby set my hand and the Official Seal of the Town of Exeter this 4TH day of May, 2026.




Lynn M. Hawkins, CMC
Exeter Town Clerk